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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ryuichi ISHII *et al.*
Title: HEAT-RESISTING STEEL,
METHOD FOR THERMALLY
TREATING HEAT-RESISTING
STEEL, AND COMPONENTS
MADE OF HEAT-RESISTING
STEEL
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REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated September 30, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicants have enclosed with this reply a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this document.